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## THE LITERARY MAGAZINE KEEPS UP ITS FORMER HIGH STANDARD

"The Light in The Window" is Leading Feature  
of the February Number

The Literary Magazine for February, 1916, contains two poems, two essays and three stories in addition to the usual departments. The matter is well arranged and is all creditable, all worthy of a place in the college magazine.

Of the poems I need not, perhaps should not speak, because they were written by men who are not now students in the college. These poems are the only compositions in this issue that were not written by men now in college. The editors are certainly wise in using such work of former students when the muses fail to inspire any of our present students.

The essay on the Diplomatic Correspondence Leading up to the European War is timely, clear and remarkably sane for the work of a college student. The author of this essay did not lose his head in dealing with a complex, passion-stirring subject. One is a little disappointed to find no interpretation of the events outlined, no placing of the responsibility such as the narrative might suggest. The second essay is less ambitious in subject and length. It is a worthy reply to the over-bold attack upon Stedman for his omission of James Baron Hope from his Anthology that appeared in the Magazine last year.

The author of The Violin used to write verse. One wonders why he makes no future efforts in this direction. His story is clearly conceived and sympathetically told—a good little college magazine story. "You, Too, Warner" is very interesting but is, to me, unsatisfying in its close because I do not know whether Warner protects or prosecutes the poor negro.

But the charm of the whole issue is The Light in the Window. This story is not new in any sense but it is so simply told, so free from any straining for effect, so true that one can never forget it. The author of this story shows an understanding of mother's feelings and child nature. And his English is fine. This beautiful story makes the author's sudden death even harder to bear.

The editorial, Old Silver, contains

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## ACADEMY STUDENT SAVES PRESIDENT'S HOUSE FROM FIRE

Possible Damage to Building Averted by  
Timely Appearance of Ellis

'Twas a vivid taleth at one "Monk" of the house of Ellis had to relate upon his return from subduing the flames which threatened to destroy the President's house last Wednesday. "It was nothing at all," said the young hero, with the characteristic blase of all heroes, when interviewed by a representative of The Flat Hat. "The flames" were mounting right rapidly and the house would have soon been in danger, but I don't like to take too much credit upon myself." President Tyler gave out the statement that he was very greatly indebted to Mr. Ellis for saving his house.

Ellis has a room in the President's house and was returning between lectures to obtain a book. Upon entering the house he smelt something burning and when he reached the second floor saw smoke coming from one of the rooms. Rushing to the door he found the curtains at one of the windows in flames and part of them burning on the floor. Nothing was at hand with which to smother the fire and before "Monk" could get some water and a towel from his own room the woodwork was beginning to catch. With the water and towel it did not take the would-be fireman long to put the fire out completely, but the woodwork and floor were well charred before the flames were finally extinguished.

The cause of the fire is unknown and but for Ellis would probably have caused considerable damage, for no one else was on that floor of the house. A burnt match was found in the window and it is thought that this was ignited in some way, perhaps by the radiator which is at the window.

## A REWARD FOR THE CHAMPIONS

Once more the Williamsburg High basketballers have flung a challenge into the camp of the "mitey" Minimus. Once more Capt. Dean has sounded his trumpet at a war note in preparation to meet the challengers on the field of battle. And once more the air will echo and reecho with the wails of the con-

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## INDIAN QUINT FALLS BEFORE RANDOLPH-MACON ATTACK

Varsity Falls to Show Form That Has Given  
William and Mary the Championship

The Champion Indians were finally downed when Randolph-Macon earned a well-deserved victory in the gymnasium here Saturday. To say the least William and Mary was not up to the form displayed in the first five championship games and the showing of the quint was disappointing to the usual large number of spectators. In the second half the Jackets ran wild scoring 17 points to the Indians 8. The game did not in any way affect the title as that had been previously cinched with five straight victories.

Randolph-Macon scored first when Scott tossed a foul. A few minutes later Brittingham shot a pretty field goal. But the Iddians displayed their real form for a brief period and overtook the Jacket lead, only to lose it by the margin of one point, as the half ended 14 13 with the Ashlanders leading.

In the second half the playing of the Randolph-Macon forwards, especially, was of a brilliant order. With speed and precision they passed and had possession of the ball most of the time. Finney, right forward, ran wild, caging five field goals. Stryker and Robertson were out-matched in this period by their forwards. Zion, especially, put forth strenuous efforts in this half to check the Ashlanders, but their lead could not be overcome.

Finney and Brittingham played best for the Yellow Jackets, while the work of Captain Jones and Zion was most effective for William and Mary.

The line-up:

W. & M.	Position	R.-M.
Zion.....	l f.....	Waters
Jones (Capt.).....	r f.....	Finney
Gayle.....	c.....	(Capt) Scott
Robertson.....	l g.....	Richardson
Stryker.....	r g.....	Brittingham

Summary: Score, Randolph-Macon, 31; William and Mary, 23. Goals from field, Zion 4, Jones 4, Gayle, Stryker 2, Waters, Finney 6, Scott, Richardson 2, Brittingham 3. Goals from foul, Scott 5 out of 7, Jones 1 out of 3. Time of halves, 20 minutes. Referee, Hargrove, V. P. I.

## DUPONT DYNAMITE PLANT TO BE BUILT ON YORK RIVER

Speculators Enter From all Sides and Williams-  
burg is Wild with Excitement

After several weeks of doubt and uncertainty as to the purpose of the Du Pont Powder Company, the people of Virginia have been practically assured that a large dynamite plant will be located on the York river. It is understood that the company has made a contract with President George W. Stevens, of the C. & O. railway, for the constructions of a spur line 3 miles long to their site. The course of this line has not as yet been decided upon as it will be selected by the powder company. However, it will probably start from Beale's crossing on the outskirts of Williamsburg. There will be only one track, but if there is sufficient business to warrant it another will be laid very soon.

Engineers have already been surveying the proposed course of the new railway. These men state that the line can be constructed very easily as there is practically no grading to be done except at the very end. They also contemplate laying two miles of track within the site of the Du Pont plant just as has been done at Hopewell.

The Du Pont Powder Company has acquired four thousand acres of land by options which will probably be taken up this week. This land lies at the junction of Queen's creek with the York river and consequently has a very extensive waterfront. Large ships are able to connect the plant directly with the great ports of the United States and the warring countries of Europe. The officials of the Virginia Steamship Company have already decided to install a daily service line between the new plant and West Point. This will cover a distance of only 18 miles. The Chesapeake Steamship Company is also watching the possibilities of the new company and is prepared to give good freight service.

It has been naturally supposed that munitions of war would be manufactured at the new plant. However, the officials of the C. & O. railway have stated that commercial dynamite with a few by-products will be manufactured. The industry therefore will be a continuous

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## DEBATING

How many men know that on the night of March 31st William and Mary takes part in the triangular debate with Randolph-Macon and Hampden-Sidney, and that on the night of April 7th Roanoke College is met in joint debate? Then, how many men are looking forward to those nights with the interest with which they look forward to an athletic contest?

The Triangular Debate forms our "championship series" in the literary world. The team winning both debates is presented with a silver cup, just as the athletic team winning a championship. Our representatives work hard in preparation for the contests, and cannot but feel disappointed if only a handful of men be present to applaud their work. Too few who were eligible took part in the last preliminary contest, but that is past. What the future has in store for those few men who will represent us in the battle of words with the best that our opponents can send, is the thing that should now interest the students. By interest is meant more than passing thought. We mean that intense interest called spirit, which transfers itself to the man upholding the Orange and Black in an intercollegiate encounter.

The debaters of William and Mary are an Indian team. They fight upon the rostrum for a William and Mary

victory with the same hope and determination that any other team fights, and they expect and deserve the support of those men whom they represent and for whom they are striving for a victory.

## FIRE PROTECTION

Within the last three months three chemistry laboratories in American colleges have been destroyed by fire. Cornell, Williams and New York University are the institutions that have suffered these losses. With these facts, along with others, starting us in the face we still find a lack of fire protection in our Science Hall. Fire extinguishers placed in the different laboratories would cost little compared to the protection they would offer. Then the evaporating of a filtrate or the sterilizing of a culture medium would not be the possible destruction of the building that they are now, and the value of Science Hall would not fall so rapidly with the striking of a match.

Watch the next issue for Coach Draper's all Eastern basketball selection.

## W. & M. CLUB AT U. OF VA.

The William and Mary Club of the University of Virginia held its initial meeting of the year in Madison Hall on the night of February 20th for the purpose or organization. The following men were elected to office: H. L. Carter, president; B. D. Peachy, secretary; and H. W. Pritchard, treasurer. The club has a membership of nineteen and of this number three are in the Graduate Department, five in Law, five in the Medical Department and six in the College Department.

After the election of officers there were several plans discussed by which it was thought that the William and Mary Club could be instrumental in attracting the graduates of William and Mary in large numbers to the University of Virginia. It is also hoped that this club will bring the William and Mary alumni at the University into a closer social relationship with each other.

Following is the roll of members: Law—H. L. Carter, '13; R. B. Jackson, '12; B. D. Peachy, Jr., '14; J. S. Graves, H. H. Tennis. Medical—H. E. Timble, '11; J. B. O'Neil, H. W. Pritchard, R. M. Gilliam. Graduate—C. H. Hamlin, '14; E. H. Hall, W. Terrell. College—A. Wyatt, W. S. Rothwell, W. D. Morris, J. M. Page, G. M. Rumble.

Said Atom unto Molly Cule:  
"Will you unite with me?"  
And Molly Cule did quick retort:  
"There's no affinity."  
Beneath electric light plants' shade  
Poor Atom hoped to meter,  
But she eloped with rascal Base,  
And now her name's Salt-peter.

—Tulane Weekly.

## FINAL STANDING OF THE TEAMS

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Hampden-Sidney.....	1	5	.163

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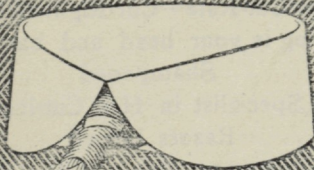
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### COLLEGE COMMENT

The bill for the co-ordinate college at the University of Virginia has passed the senate by a vote of 19-17.

The faculty of the University of Illinois has forbidden Pavlowa to dance before the student body. Oh lucky professors! They naturally had to see the show first that they might censor it.

A plan has been adopted by the Cornell faculty for the establishment of a college of commerce.

The Glee Club of Leland Stanford University is to take a trip to Panama in the near future.

### BASKETBALL SCORING

Following are the individual scores of the members of the quint for the championship series of six games. Gayle leads with a total of 66 points to his credit.

Field Goals:

Gayle .....	32
Zion .....	25
Jones .....	18
Stryker .....	8
Wallace .....	1

Total..... 84

Fouls:

Jones .....	13
Gayle .....	2
Stryker .....	1

Total..... 16

Total points scored..... 184

Points scored by opponents..... 153

### Y. M. C. A. NOTES

"Men in college are like athletes training for a race," declared Dr. Goodwin before the Y. M. C. A. last Thursday night. In this connection the speaker pointed out the mistake so often made by college students in putting off their work until the night before examinations. "The same principle of development is violated in cramming which is violated when an athlete waits until the day before the race to train. Neither the brain nor the muscles can be developed in a day, and whenever overexercised, their capacity for work is diminished until recreation takes places."

Learning that the appropriation for remodeling the gymnasium is practically assured, Paul Derring has inaugurated a plan for raising money to purchase furniture for the Y. M. C. A. room. Sandwiches, candy, cakes, etc., will be sold through the dormitories on certain nights of the week, giving the students an opportunity to satisfy their appetites for the good of the association. The nights will be announced later.

Arrangements are being made to have Dr. Miller, of the Virginia Medical College, address the Y. M. C. A. within the next few weeks; he will deliver a lecture to Prof. Goodwin's Heredity class, and if the hours can be adjusted he will address the Y. M. C. A. on the same night.

The speaker for Thurs. night has not yet been secured.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

Some of the alumni noted on the campus the past week were W. H. Deierhoi, P. P. Taylor, G. B. Geddy, H. W. Thorpe, C. C. Renick, W. C. Metcalf, J. G. Driver, W. M. Harrison and W. L. Parker.

Mrs. H. E. Bennett is spending sometime in Florida.

Dr. L. G. Tyler was called to Richmond Friday on business for the college.

Mr. H. G. Chandler has returned to college after a slight sickness.

Dr. J. S. Wilson is again able to be out after his recent illness.

The High School has recently accepted a challenge for a return match and the Minimus expect to regain their lost laurels. The game will be played in the college gym next Saturday night at 8 p. m. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged of all as noted elsewhere.

Someone asks if these modern dances are another yellow peril. Japan has a war ship called the Tango.

Bishop Quayle is reported as saying that "All angels are red-headed." O fortunate, fortunate "Gric" and "Pinkie" and "Red" say we.

### A REWARD FOR THE CHAMPIONS

quered and rejoicing of the victors as the warriors of the winter past time engage in the final combat of the season. Saturday is the night. Eight o'clock is the hour. The gymnasium is the battle ground.

A little more than two weeks ago the High School contingent nosed out the Tom Thumb boys with a margin of two points. The game was a thriller from start to finish, each team contributing spectacular stunts pro and con. So much amusement and interest was attached to the encounter that several requests for a reproduction have been made for the purpose of entertaining the Varsity quint which has won the E. V. I. A. championship.

It has not been the custom to charge the students admission to athletic contests since the athletic fee was raised to ten dollars. Neither has it been customary to win championships, nor has it been necessary for the students to show their appreciation for a winning team. Therefore Manager Tilley and other members of the Athletic Council have asked that an admission charge of 10c. be asked, to go to the fund which is now being raised to purchase gold basketballs for the members of the championship team.

As a supplement to the fund an informal dance is being arranged to follow the game, with a charge of 25 cents.

Columbia University is making an effort to have all freshmen pass a swimming test during their first year in college.

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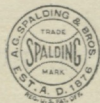
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W. P. Clark.

## DUPONT DYNAMITE PLANT TO

one, not depending on any war conditions. Dynamite has very many important commercial uses and the demand is constantly growing large.

Naturally land values have increased by leaps and bounds and property in and around Williamsburg is bringing prices never dreamed of before. Among the financiers who invested in property near Williamsburg is Mr. Richard Eppes, the manager of the land on which Hopewell was built. Several of the young men of Williamsburg have been active in transactions running into the thousands, and some of the professors have also got the "bug" and made good land deals.

### CAN YOU ANSWER?

The following questions, clipped from the "Vassar Miscellany Weekly," were recently given to one of the history classes at Vassar. Can you pass the test? In other words, do you know anything about the present war?

A. State fact of importance concerning each of the following:

1. Asquith
2. Briand
3. Lloyd-George
4. Von Bethmann-Holweg
5. Von Tirpitz
6. Joffre
7. Kitchener
8. Gallipoli
9. Venizelos
10. Lemberg
11. Warsaw
12. Sofia
13. Treistchke
14. Hansi
15. Belgrade
16. Winston Churchill
17. Dernburg
18. Dumba
19. Von Bernstorff
20. Jusserand
21. Walter Hines Page
22. Thomas Nelson Page
23. Girard
24. Sir John French
25. Sir Douglas Haig

B. Who is the present ruler of:  
1 Austria, England, Greece, France, Mexico?

C. Name 2 German generals.

D. Who is secretary of state? Who was his immediate predecessor?

E. What is the subject of our present controversy with Germany? With England? What is the subject of Germany's controversy with us?

F. What is the chief question now before the English Parliament? Before the U. S. Congress?

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